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KC MAN SENTENCED FOR AIDING AND ABETTING THE DISTRIBUTION OF METH

KANSAS CITY, Mo. – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was sentenced in federal court today for aiding and abetting others in the distribution of methamphetamine.

William E. Kramme, 42, of Kansas City, was sentenced by U.S. District Judge Ortrie D. Smith this morning to three years and one month in federal prison without parole.

On May 12, 2005, **Kramme** pleaded guilty to aiding and abetting others in the distribution of five grams or more of actual methamphetamine on June 17, 2003.

Kramme is the third co-defendant to plead guilty in this case.

On June 20, 2005, **Nancy Rainey**, 43, of Independence, pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute five grams or more of methamphetamine between March 1, 2003, and June 25, 2003.

On June 17, 2005, **Matthew Burris**, 24, of Independence, also pleaded guilty to conspiracy to distribute five grams or more of methamphetamine between March 1, 2003, and June 25, 2003.

Sentencing dates for **Rainey** and **Burris** have been set for Oct. 12, 2005, and Oct. 14, 2005, respectively.

Under federal statutes, Graves explained, **Rainey** and **Burris** may be subject to mandatory minimum sentences of five years in federal prison without parole, up to 40 years in federal prison without parole, plus fines up to \$2 million.

The co-defendants in this case were originally charged in an indictment returned by a

federal grand jury on Oct. 29, 2004, in Kansas City.

The case was prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney David DeTar Newbert. It was investigated by the Jackson County Drug Task Force.

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